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report on the Polish Ministry of Shipping. The report includes an outline of the organization of the Ministry (without personalities), subordinate organizations, and a brief account of the freight transported on inland waterways in 1956 and planned in 1957.¹

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[redacted] the ports of Szczecin and Swinoujscie [redacted] are
administered by the Ministry of Shipping. Tadeusz Dabrowski is
reported to have headed the Central Directorate for Ports until 1957. 21 MAR 1958

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The Ministry of Shipping

1. As of mid-1957, the Polish Ministry of Shipping, which is located on Filtrowa Street in Warsaw, had the following organization:
 - a. The minister's office
 - b. Undersecretary for ports
 - c. Undersecretary for merchant navy
 - d. Undersecretary for marine economy, which was added in early 1957
 - e. Organization division

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- f. Manpower division
- g. Employment division
- h. Administrative division
- i. Service division
- j. Military division
- k. The fisheries division, which was formerly the Central Directorate of Fisheries.
- l. Current supply division
- m. The investment division, whose budget also includes naval investment
- n. The ports division, which was formerly the Central Directorate of Ports, coordinates import-export shipping traffic with the Ministry of Foreign Trade.
- o. Polish merchant navy division (Polskiej Marynarki Handlowej - PMW), which was formerly the Central Directorate of PMH
- p. Inland shipping department
- q. A special department (Oddzial Wydzielony), located on Wilcza Street, Warsaw, is directly subordinate to the Minister. It provides emergency storage space for institutions subordinate to the Ministry.

The Ministry, which employed 1,000 clerks until a retrenchment in early 1957, has 500 employees.

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2. The Central Directorate for Inland Shipping and Dockyards (Centralny Zarzad Zeglugi Srodladowej i Stoczni Rzecznych), which is located on Nowogrodzka Street, Warsaw, is subordinate to the Ministry. The directorate has about 100 employees, while about 3,500 persons are employed by its subsidiary plants. It has district offices in Bydgoszcz (Bromberg), Wroclaw (Breslau), Szczecin (Stettin), Kozle (Cosel) and Gdansk (Danzig).
3. The directorate supervises dockyards at the following locations:
 - a. Elblag, where activity includes the construction of small vessels for the Soviet navy
 - b. Glogow (N 54-10, E 19-23), which constructs barges of up to 1,000 tons
 - c. Wroclaw, where there is a refitting and repair yard
 - d. Szczecin, also a refitting yard
 - e. Kozle (N 50-20, E 18-10)
 - f. Sandomierz (N 50-41, E 21-45)
 - g. Plock (N 52-33, E 19-42)
 - h. Krakow
 - i. Bydgoszcz

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4. During 1956 2.8 million tons of goods were transported on internal waterways, while a quota of five million tons was planned for 1957. Some of the principal goods transported are coal, iron ores and sugar. The river fleet consists of old [redacted] and locally built boats. In 1956 Poland received three [redacted] 500 hp. steam driven tugs.

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5. Other directorates subordinate to the Ministry are:

- a. The Central Directorate for River Traffic (C.Z. Wodny), which is located in Warsaw and employs about 120 men. It is concerned with marking waterways and issuing appropriate regulations. The directorate has a staff of inspectors, each of whom is responsible for a certain section of a waterway.
- b. The Central Directorate for Refitting Yards (C.Z. Stoczni Remontowych) is located in Gdansk.¹
- c. The Office of Shipbuilding Planning (Biuro Projektow Budowictwa Morskiego), which is located at 22 Waly Piastowskie Street, Gdansk. It employs about 300 people, including engineers and draftsmen. The office is concerned with planning port installations and facilities, including anchorages, quays, sheds, cranes, and buildings. It occupies a separate building with an old shelter for about 1,000 ~~persons~~ which serves as the regional civil defense command post for the Gdansk district.

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6. The military division of the Ministry of Shipping is composed of mobilization, civil defense, and investment departments. The mobilization department (MOB) keeps records (card index form "R-1") of reservists and other personnel in the Ministry, as well as its subordinate bodies, who are eligible for military service, and military inspectors in the Ministry, and its central directorates and divisions report changes in manpower. The department also deals with manpower essential for the national economy in such instances as the release of reservists from call-up, the postponement of compulsory military service, and planning civilian manpower assignments for a wartime economy. This is accomplished by recording the names of various experts, who in time of war will be linked to the Ministry and its related bodies, on a numbered "2 KF" form. These forms are revised every three months, and copies are forwarded to the regional military headquarters (WKR), which keeps the records of regular and reserve units, as well as of replacement units. In early 1957, the department started planning the wartime merger of the merchant navy and the Polish navy in cooperation with the naval command. Existing crews will be assigned to their respective ships in time of war, and port administrations will be directly subordinate to the navy.

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7. The civil defense department (TOPL) is responsible for the organization of personnel in the Ministry and its subordinate bodies in accordance with directives of the National Civil Defense Command of the TOPL. The department is also responsible for the construction of shelters, command posts, and emergency stores for civil defense equipment. The civil defense of ports is emphasized.
8. The investment department mainly supervises allocations for the navy from the budget of the Ministry of Shipping (Roboty Postulowane Tajne).² The department controls budgets for repairs and refits of naval craft in civilian dockyards, and certifies their invoices. It also supervises allocations for research carried out for the navy. A special budget, separate from that of the Ministry, finances such work.

Comments:

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1. Dockyards building new ships are incorporated into a central directorate which is subordinate to the Ministry of Machinery.
2. The budget arrangement imperceptibly increases the national

defense budget.